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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLLS & HOURS

Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours
February 2007

1 Yukon Employees (based on employer payroll counts)

- The number of employees* in Feb., 2007 16,087
- The number of employees* in Feb., 2006 15,991
- The difference was an increase of 96
- As a percentage, the increase was 0.6%

* Does not include self-employed workers

Along with the release for January '07, Statistics Canada made minor revisions to SEPH data back to 2001.

In February of 2007, the preliminary number of employees* in the Yukon totalled 16,087. There were 1,695 in Goods-producing Industries, a decrease of 9 employees, or 0.5%, over the February 2006 figure of 1,704. In February of this year, there were 14,227 in Service-producing Industries, an increase of 181 employees, or 1.3%, from the February 2006 figure of 14,046.

2 About the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours

There are two perspectives on Yukon employment. One, based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS), provides the perspective from a sample of households reporting experience of employment and unemployment. The other, based on the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH), provides a perspective on the number of employees based on employer administrative payroll records. The LFS is generally well known and is the focus of a regular series of monthly publications by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. SEPH is less well-known but has the advantage of being a monthly census of all in-scope businesses maintained by the Business Register Division of Statistics Canada and from a list of all businesses registered in Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's Business Number program with one or more active payroll deduction accounts. Public Institutions Division of Statistics Canada provides information for general government services at the territorial level. *However, those enterprises primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations and military personnel of defense services are excluded.*[1] It should also be noted that **SEPH does NOT include self-employed workers** in any of its figures. In February 2007, the Labour Force Survey estimated 2,600 self-employed Yukoners.

Comparisons between the LFS estimates of employment and the SEPH report of the number of employees will reveal differences which are largely due to the exclusion of self-employed workers and employees having more than one job at a time. For example, it is entirely possible to have SEPH report 17,000 paid employees in a month which could be filled by 8,500 workers each working two jobs; or 15,000 working one job and 500 working two jobs and 333 working three jobs. Historically, the number of multiple job holders reported by the LFS has varied between 700 and 1,400 with an average of just under 1,000 from 1992 through 2006. What we do not know from the LFS is how many jobs multiple job holders held in a given month.

The most current month's figures released are always preliminary and are revised the following month. Caution should be used when using the most current month's figures as the revisions are sometimes significant.

[1] See http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=2612&lang=en&db=IMDB&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2#top for further information.

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3 Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Number of Employees*	Goods-Producing Industries	Construction	Service-Producing Industries	Trade	Transportation and Warehousing	Information and Cultural Industries
2007	**Feb (p)**	**16,087**	**1,695**	**782**	**14,227**	**2,057**	**921**	**443**
	Jan (r)	15,795	1,643	750	13,998	2,043	914	440
2006	Dec	16,566	1,891	903	14,481	2,159	930	435
	Nov	17,085	2,317	1,205	14,552	2,152	925	441
	Oct	17,606	2,557	1,321	14,836	2,100	954	441
	Sep	18,385	2,423	1,138	15,599	2,122	1,009	440
	Aug	18,246	2,454	1,147	15,402	2,060	1,043	455
	Jul	18,581	2,463	1,151	15,731	2,120	1,066	453
	Jun	18,643	2,391	1,184	15,946	2,108	987	507
	May	17,416	2,043	961	15,143	2,001	949	535
	Apr	16,110	1,740	837	14,169	1,813	921	514
	Mar	16,301	1,871	1,004	14,199	1,775	910	521
	Feb	15,991	1,704	954	14,046	1,982	884	509
	Jan	15,707	1,687	940	13,754	2,006	884	511
2005	Dec	16,576	1,716	923	14,588	2,252	884	x
	Nov	16,368	1,578	951	14,502	2,241	892	x
	Oct	17,019	1,836	1,098	14,881	2,172	922	x
	Sep	17,868	1,942	1,143	15,609	2,282	951	x
	Aug	17,868	1,991	1,143	15,505	2,320	977	x
	Jul	18,180	2,036	1,110	15,754	2,291	973	x
	Jun	18,541	1,934	1,089	16,241	2,388	959	x
	May	16,640	1,467	798	14,873	2,238	924	x
	Apr	15,407	1,166	581	13,960	2,151	904	x
	Mar	15,414	1,004	509	14,148	2,117	905	x
	Feb	15,220	915	478	14,079	2,171	860	x
	Jan	14,931	913	471	13,800	2,092	850	x
2004	Feb (r)	14,540	794	385	13,561	2,049	1,051	536
2003	Feb	14,486	767	341	13,638	2,137	965	597
2002	Feb	14,524	921	561	13,523	1,914	861	583
2001	Feb	13,943	948	609	12,973	1,763	848	577
2000	Feb	13,606	1,138	594	12,415	1,743	676	539
1999	Feb	13,887	1,136	584	12,693	2,123	628	571
1998	Feb	12,221	987	391	11,045	1,753	476	504
1997	Feb	12,406	1,382	555	10,911	1,694	481	495
1996	Feb	10,703	1,205	563	9,464	1,695	462	389
1995	Feb	10,957	1,055	527	9,820	1,550	1,016	424
1994	Feb	11,094	899	405	10,195	2,024	857	411
1993	Feb	10,602	984	344	9,617	1,579	991	415
1992	Feb	10,513	1,087	463	9,426	1,521	1,080	423
1991	Feb	10,299	1,264	749	9,035	1,906	984	400
Average Feb 1991 to 2007		**13,005**	**1,111**	**546**	**11,804**	**1,862**	**826**	**489**

**see note on page 4 for a list of what is included in 'Total'.*

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

x = suppressed for confidentiality
(p) = preliminary
(r) = revised

- There were 16,087 employees in the Yukon in February of this year. The average number of employees in the Yukon for February 1991-2006 was 12,812; the February '07 total of 16,087 is an increase of 3,275, or 25.6% over the February average.
- The seasonal cycle in the Goods-producing sector sees more employees during the June through October time period than during the November through May months. The number of employees peaks in the July/August months, and 2006/07 numbers are consistent with historical fluctuations observed in this sector.

4 Service-Producing Industries, continued...

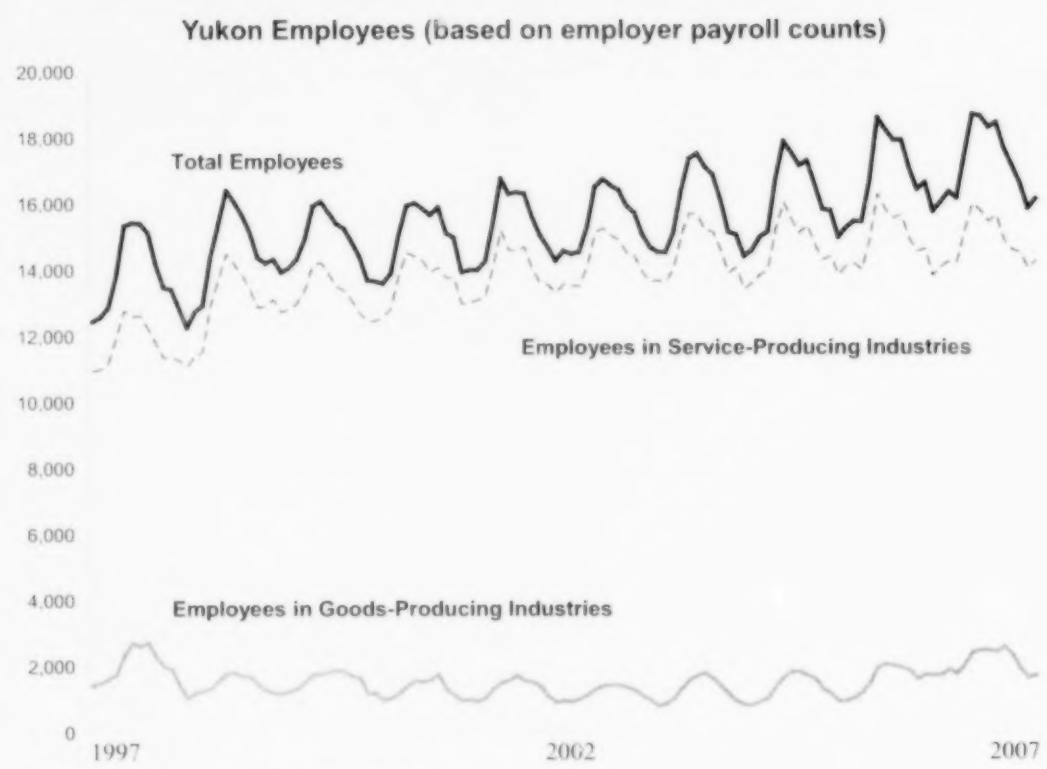
		Finance and Insurance	Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	Educational Services	Health Care and Social Assistance	Accommodation and Food Services	Public Administration*
2007	**Feb (p)**	**306**	**251**	**1,405**	**923**	**1,224**	**5,168**
	Jan (r)	327	261	1,350	912	1,148	5,205
2006	Dec	314	242	1,401	890	1,273	5,359
	Nov	333	261	1,396	920	1,320	5,308
	Oct	436	269	1,352	896	1,570	5,316
	Sep	433	318	1,218	882	2,100	5,464
	Aug	434	324	553	944	2,270	5,603
	Jul	369	308	810	962	2,282	5,611
	Jun	353	267	1,335	998	2,198	5,431
	May	314	288	1,346	994	1,707	5,401
	Apr	325	223	1,345	950	1,516	5,174
	Mar	306	209	1,411	965	1,455	5,200
	Feb	300	223	1,360	949	1,427	4,998
	Jan	316	205	1,280	947	1,364	4,794
2005	Dec	395	194	1,333	917	1,451	5,140
	Nov	331	199	1,337	906	1,533	5,007
	Oct	337	208	1,316	945	1,754	5,213
	Sep	345	225	1,157	946	2,209	5,374
	Aug	383	274	510	910	2,372	5,502
	Jul	423	283	775	914	2,408	5,460
	Jun	391	312	1,276	986	2,261	5,388
	May	358	238	1,310	944	1,567	5,230
	Apr	311	209	1,329	921	1,289	4,949
	Mar	336	212	1,391	928	1,251	5,046
	Feb	332	202	1,377	931	1,200	5,083
	Jan	313	209	1,281	912	1,134	5,181
2004	Feb (r)	297	212	1,315	889	1,112	4,846
2003	Feb	297	193	1,291	912	1,288	4,659
2002	Feb	312	171	1,288	940	1,341	4,895
2001	Feb	309	148	1,341	883	1,175	4,660
2000	Feb	261	155	1,526	832	1,099	4,521
1999	Feb	276	182	1,545	783	1,328	4,292
1998	Feb	290	162	1,373	767	974	3,781
1997	Feb	259	141	1,364	973	1,006	3,597
1996	Feb	252	145	1,204	876	844	2,817
1995	Feb	219	144	1,264	774	892	2,787
1994	Feb	245	129	1,166	705	962	3,099
1993	Feb	237	137	1,287	730	793	2,874
1992	Feb	233	149	1,160	476	866	2,853
1991	Feb	237	171	822	190	785	2,845
Average Feb 1991 to 2007		**274**	**171**	**1,299**	**796**	**1,077**	**3,987**

* *Public administration includes all levels of government (federal, territorial, municipal and First Nations). Public Administration does not include teachers, college instructors etc. or health care workers who are captured in the Educational Services and Health and Social Service industries respectively.*

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023 *(p) = preliminary (r) = revised*

- The Service-producing sector is also influenced by seasonal fluctuations; there are more employees in the summer months, as would be expected with increased tourism traffic.
- From 1991 to 2006, on average for the month of February, the Public Adminstration sector has accounted for 30.5% of all Yukon employees. In February 2007, the number of employees in Public Administration (5,168) was consistent with this historical trend, accounting for 32.1% of all Yukon employees.

5 Yukon Employees, February 1997 to February 2007



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

- The above graph highlights the cyclical nature of employment in the Yukon, with increased employees through the summer months and a decrease through the winter.
- The graph also highlights that gains in the number of employees over the last 10 years have mainly been in the Service-producing Industries.
- Notable as well is the anomaly of the number of Goods-producing sector employees in the first six months of 2006. The number of employees in this sector held relatively steady throughout the winter months of 2005/2006 without experiencing the winter contraction historically experienced in this sector. This year, the Goods-producing sector experienced typical summer growth and is now experiencing winter-time contraction.

Note: In addition to the industries listed, 'Total Number of Employees' includes unclassified industries as well as industries with suppressed individual numbers. Under Goods-Producing Industries, this includes: Forestry, Logging and Support; Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction; Utilities; and Manufacturing. Under Service-Producing Industries, this includes: Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Management of Companies and Enterprises; Arts, Entertainment and Recreation; and Other Services (except Public Administration).

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